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**By ECF and Email**


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**REQUEST GRANTED.**

The Honorable Lewis J. Liman  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

9/18/2023

SO ORDERED.



LEWIS J. LIMAN  
United States District Judge

Re: U.S. v. Perez; et al, including Sean Smith  
23 Cr. 99 (LJL)

Dear Judge Liman:

This letter is respectfully submitted to request that I be excused from attending the conference on this matter which is scheduled for tomorrow, September 19<sup>th</sup>. I have a scheduling conflict that I cannot change. David Bertan, Esq., has graciously agreed to stand in for me tomorrow. I have spoken with Mr. Smith who consents to Mr. Bertan representing him at the conference tomorrow. On behalf of Mr. Smith I consent to the exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next appearance before Your Honor.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Andrew Patel  
Andrew Patel  
*Counsel for Sean Smith*

cc: All counsel by ECF